

Federal Maritime Commission
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46 CFR Part	Heading	Action	Review Timeframe (Calendar years)
Part 531	NVOCC Service Arrangements	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Completed. Final Rule effective 8/22/2018.
Part 532	NVOCC Negotiated Rate Arrangements		
Part 506	Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment	Review and update consistent with OMB guidance.	Annual updates required by January 15. Status: Completed. Final Rule effective 1/2/2020.
Part 535	Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements Subject to the Shipping Act of 1984	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Pending Commission consideration of staff recommendations.
Part 504	Procedures for Environmental Policy Analysis	Review and update consistent with NEPA and CEQ guidance.	Status: Pending Commission consideration of further staff recommendations.
Part 515	Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements, and General Duties for Ocean Transportation Intermediaries	Review and modify to reflect changes to automation of the OTI bonding procedures. Review and modify Commission processes for the denial, suspension, and revocation of OTI licenses.	Status: Completed. Final Rule effective 12/16/2019. Completed. Final Rule effective 3/2/2020.
Part 540	Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility	Review for modification or repeal.	Status: Currently under review.
Part 520	Carrier Automated Tariffs	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Currently under review.
Part 525	Marine Terminal Operator Schedules	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: Currently under review.
Part 530	Service Contracts	Review and modify to remove outdated, ineffective, or unnecessary regulations or costs.	Status: 12/20/2019 Order issued granting Petition to exempt requirement to publish essential terms of service contracts, and denied request for exemption from the requirement to file service contracts. Docket No. 20-02 pending FR publication and public comment.

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Part 501	The Federal Maritime Commission – General	Update administrative and organizational regulations to conform with recent agency changes.	Status: 2020 review and modify.
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